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DEPARTMENT PLEASE REPEAT TO CARACAS

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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR THE SECRETARY FROM FONMIN LUCIO PAREDES

REF: STATE 255993

1. FOLLOWING IS INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF MESSAGE FOR SECRETARY
CONTAINED IN FIRST PERSON NOTE FROM FONMIN LUCIO PAREDES
TO AMBASSADOR DATED DECEMBER 23 AND RECEIVED MORNING
DECEMBER 26.

2. BEGIN TEXT MY DEAR MR. SECRETARY:

IT HAS BEEN AN HONOR AND A PLEASURE TO ME TO RECEIVE,
THROUGH THE HIGH INTERMEDIARY OF THE AMBASSADOR OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN QUITO, A KIND MESSAGE YOU HAVE
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SENT TO ME ON A RECENT DATE. (NOTE: REFERENCE IS TO STATE

255993, NOVEMBER 20, 1974)

I WAS EQUALLY SENSIBLE OF YOUR ABSENCE FROM THE QUITO IN A VERY SPECIAL WAY BECAUSE YOUR PRESENCE WOULD HAVE STIMULATED, IN MY OPINION, AN INTERESTING AND POSITIVE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON POLITICAL MATTERS OF MUTUAL CONCERN FOR THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMUNITY.

YOU VERY PROPERLY STATE IN YOUR LETTER THAT YOU FEEL THAT THE TIME HAS COME FOR TAKING A WIDE PERSPECTIVE OF INTER-AMERICAN RELATIONS. I PARTICULARLY APPRECIATE YOUR STATEMENT THAT THE UNITED STATES KEEPS AN OPEN MIND ON THE MATTER THAT WAS DISCUSSED AT THE QUITO CONFERENCE. HOWEVER, IN SUBSCRIBING WITH EQUAL PLEASURE TO YOUR CONCEPT ABOUT THE FRAMEWORK IN WHICH THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE COUNTRIES IN THE HEMISPHERE SHOULD ACTUALLY BE PLACED, PARTICULARLY IN REFERENCE TO CONTINUING THE NEW DIALOGUE AT THE FORTHCOMING BUENOS AIRES CONFERENCE, I FEEL IT IS MY DUTY, THEREBY RATIFYING THE CRITERION OF THE ECUADOREAN GOVERNMENT, TO POINT OUT THAT THE TIME HAS COME FOR PROPERLY DETERMINING THE OBJECTIVES OF INTER-AMERICAN POLICY ON THE BASIS OF A DEEP UNDERSTANDING--IN THE FIRST PLACE--OF OUR PROBLEMS BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND BY THE LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS AND, AT THE SAME TIME, FOR CLEARLY AND EMPHATICALLY DISCUSSING WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE IN ORDER TO CHANNEL THAT POLICY AND TO RENDER IT EFFECTIVE AND TO CAST ABOUT FOR SOLUTIONS AND PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS.

BEING MOVED BY THIS SPIRIT, I CONSIDER IT TIMELY TO REFER TO THE NEW TRADE ACT OF THE UNITED STATES AND, IN PARTICULAR, TO THE DISCRIMINATORY MEASURES NOW BEING CONTEMPLATED BY THE AMERICAN CONGRESS. THE APPROVAL OF SUCH MEASURES WOULD HAVE A VERY SERIOUS EFFECT ON THE FUTURE OF OUR RELATIONS. SUCH EFFECTS WOULD GO BEYOND THE LIMIT OF THE OPEC COUNTRIES BECAUSE, OBVIOUSLY, THEY WOULD AFFECT, IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, ALL THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES. ON THE OTHER HAND, THEY WOULD NOT BE IN AGREEMENT WITH THE EXISTING PRINCIPLES CONTAINED IN THE CHARTER OF THE OAS OR WITH THE COMMITMENTS UNDERTAKEN BY THE UNITED STATES AIMED AT HOLDING THAT NEW DIALOGUE WHICH BEGAN IN MEXICO UNDER GOOD AUSPICES AND

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WAS CONTINUED IN WASHINGTON. ANY THREAT OF COERCION, MR. SECRETARY, EVEN THOUGH MERELY POTENTIAL, ADVERSELY AFFECTS THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE AMERICAN COUNTRIES AND THEIR DIGNITY, AND IS IN CONFLICT WITH THE ESSENCE OF THAT NEW DIALOGUE.

YOU WILL AGREE WITH ME THAT A FRANK APPROACH TO THIS MATTER OR ANY OTHER MATTER HAVING TO DO WITH INTER-AMERICAN POLICY AND, IN PARTICULAR, THAT OF THE UNITED STATES AND

THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES, WILL IN EFFECT STRENGTHEN THE PROSPECT OF THAT COMMON POLICY, AS YOU TELL ME IN YOUR ESTEEMED LETTER. EVERYTHING THAT CAN BE CLEARLY STATED TENDS, AND SO MY GOVERNMENT BELIEVES, TO DISPEL AN ATMOSPHERE OF HESITATION THAT IS UNCERTAIN AND THAT INFLUENCES, FAR FROM FAVORABLY, THE PROGRESS OF OUR RELATIONS.

FOR ALL THESE REASONS, THE GOVERNMENT OF ECUADOR IS PREPARED TO HOLD A DIALOGUE IN A CONSTRUCTIVE AND CONCRETE MANNER AND TO EMPHASIZE THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT MIGHT RENDER IT DIFFICULT TO PRESERVE THE SPIRIT OF THE NEW DIALOGUE, WHILE, AT THE SAME TIME, SPEAKING FRANKLY ABOUT THE PROBLEMS WE ARE CONFRONTING. ONLY IN THIS WAY--AND I AM CERTAIN THAT YOU WILL AGREE WITH ME-- WILL WE ATTAIN TO "A REAL AND SPECIFIC ACCOMPLISHMENT", AS YOU STATE IN YOUR LETTER.

AS FOR THE REST, MR. SECRETARY, LET ME ASSURE YOU THAT MY GOVERNMENT AND THIS FOREIGN OFFICE ARE AND WILL ALWAYS BE PREPARED TO CONTINUE LOYALLY THE DIALOGUE AND TO HELP MAINTAIN CONSULTATIONS AND AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN AN EFFORT--WHICH SHOULD BE A COMMON EFFORT--TO EXAMINE THOROUGHLY ALL THE ISSUES AND, OF COURSE, TO SEEK THE BEST AND MOST POSITIVE SOLUTIONS.

I AVAIL MYSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO YOUR EXCELLENCY THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST AND MOST DISTINGUISHED CONSIDERATION.

ANTONIO JOSE LUCIO PAREDES
MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS
UNQUOTE. END TEXT.

3. AMBASSADOR HAS ACKNOWLEDGED RECEIPT OF LUCIO PAREDES' NOTE AND CONFIRMED THE TELEGRAPHIC
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TRANSMISSION OF HIS MESSAGE TO THE SECRETARY.
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